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SUBJ: NPT ADHERENCE

REF: (A) STATE 294526, (B) STATE 012716

1. DCM HAS DISCUSSED NPT ADHERENCE WITH UNDER SECRETARY
FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS ISAAC MANDA WHO GAVE NO INDICATION THAT
GRZ IS READY AT THIS TIME TO ADHERE TO THE NPT.

2. MANDA LISTENED CAREFULLY TO PRESENTATION BASED ON REFTELS.
HE THEN NOTED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN APPROACHED MANY TIMES
BY WESTERN AND SOVIET DIPLOMATS ABOUT ZAMBIAARS NON-ADHERENCE.
GRZ RESPONSE IN EACH INSTANCE HAS BEEN THE SAME.-- ZAMBIA SEES
NO ADVANTAGE TO ADHERING TO A TREATY WHICH DOES LITTLE OR
NOTHING TO PROTECT A SMALL COUNTRY LIKE ZAMBIA FROM NUCLEAR
THREATS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES. HE SAID THAT SOUTH AFRICA HAS
THE POTENTIAL TO PRODUCE THE BOMB AND HALF HUMOROUSLY ADDED HE
AND HIS COLLEAGUES HAD OFTEN DISCUSSED HOW DESIRABLE IT WOULD
BE FOR ZAMBIA TO ACQUIRE A MINIATURE ATOMIC BOMB.

3. DCM RE-EMPHASIZED THAT THE NPT DID PROVIDE SOME PROTECTION
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FOR A NATION LIKE ZAMBIA SINCE ITS PURPOSE WAS TO CONTROL THE
SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. ALL NATIONS WOULD BE PLACED IN
GREATER JEOPARDY IF NUCLEAR WEAPONRY BECAME MORE WIDESPREAD.
DCM ALSO POINTED OUT THAT ZAMBIA, WITH ITS URANIUM RESOURCES,
MIGHT WISH ASSISTANCE IN THE ATOMIC ENERGY FIELD SOMETIME IN
THE FUTURE. NON-ADHERENCE WOULD MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR NATIONS
LIKE THE US TO I

OVIDE SUCH ASSISTANCE. THIS LAST ARGUMENT APPEARED TO MAKE SOME IMPACT, AND MANDA SAID GRZ WOULD HAVE TO TAKE A NEW LOOK AT NON-ADHERENCE WHEN IN THE FUTURE GRZ WAS READY TO MOVE INTO THE ATOMIC ENERGY ARENA.

4. AS A CLOSING REMARK MANDA SAID THAT IT WAS PROBABLY TIME FOR ZAMBIA TO REVIEW ITS NPT POLICY.

COMMENT: WE DOUBT THAT THERE WILL BE ANY FOLLOW THROUGH ON MANDA'S SUGGESTION THAT THE GRZ MIGHT REVIEW ITS NPT POLICY. AS FAR FETCHED AS IT MAY SEEM, MANDA CAME CLOSE TO SAYING THAT ZAMBIA WOULD LIKE TO KEEP THE DOOR OPEN TO THE POSSIBILITY OF ACQUIRING NUCLEAR WEAPONS OF ITS OWN TO COUNTER A NUCLEAR THREAT FROM SOUTH AFRICA. LOW

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